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SUBJECT: PART 8: AFTER THE COUP ATTEMPT, FEBRUARY 14:
- NUGGETS

REF: CARACAS 1599

1. POLITICS:
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- ONE FEB. 14 NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT ON THE PREVIOUS
EVENING THE "EXECUTIVE CABINET" CONSIDERED THE
POSSIBILITY OF "A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT TEAM,
(BRINGING IN) FIGURES OF GREAT NATIONAL STANDING, TO
STRENGTHEN IT."

- IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AN ARGENTINE NEWSPAPER, RAFAEL
CALDERA REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW
COUP ATTEMPT "CANNOT BE DISCARDED."

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OF STATE CONGRESSMEN THAT THE COUP ATTEMPT "NOT ONLY HAS
NOT CONCLUDED, BUT (WE ARE) IN A PERIOD OF GREATER
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LEADERSHIP" TO "RESPECT THE HONOR OF THE ARMED FORCES",
ADDING "I HAVE OBSERVED IN THE MEDIA SOME ACCUSATIONS
AGAINST THE ARMED FORCES IN GENERAL."

- AN OFFICIAL OF THE MILITARY COURT CHARGED WITH THE
"COUP CASE" SAID THAT THE FIRST FORMAL ARREST WARRANTS
(AS OPPOSED TO DETENTION FOR INVESTIGATION) WILL BE
HANDLED DOWN NEXT WEEK.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS:
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- THE HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF THE MOVEMENT TOWARD
SOCIALISM (MAS) ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO CREATE A
"COMMITTEE OF FM
LY MEMBERS OF DETAINED OFFICERS."
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BROTHER OF DEFENSE MINISTER OCHOA. GEN. OCHOA HIMSELF
IS NOT A MASISTA.)

- THE PUBLIC MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS, PADRE LUIS OLASO, VISITED MILITARY DETAINEES IN
MARACAIBO.

- THE HEAD OF THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
TOLD US ON FEB. 14 THAT ON THE PREVIOUS NIGHT THE
CABINET HAD DEBATED THE POSSIBILITY OF RESTORING THE
CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, BUT
HAD NOT REACHED AGREEMENT. IT IS NOW LIKELY THAT NO
DECISION ON THIS TOPIC WILL BE MADE BEFORE SATURDAY.

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